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In re the continuation patent application of:

Douglas W. Walker, Frank M. Ordaz, and M. Terry Olson

Serial No. 09/668,831 filed 09/22/2000

FOR: CORDLESS SURGICAL HANDPIECE WITH DISPOSABLE
BATTERY; AND METHOD

Preliminary Class: 429

COMMUNICATION RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in
this application, because this application was filed under 35 USC
120 and 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1) as a continuation of Application SN
09,349,643 (now Patent 6,126,670) in which an IDS was filed.
Copies of the references were submitted in the parent
application, and 15 references are shown on the issued patent.

Attention of the Examiner is called to MPEP 609 which
requires those references to be considered in the examination of
this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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